Shortage of Petrol and Diesel in Uttaranchal

†1485. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there was shortage of petrol and diesel due to transporters strike in Uttaranchal and whether movement of more than 700 tankers supplying petroleum products has been stopped;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make any alternative arrangements to prevent adverse effect on availability of petrol and diesel in the State; and

(c) if so, the scheme adopted to ask the transporters to call off strike with the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) A strike was called by local Transporters of Uttaranchal in 1st week of October, 2003. However, alternate arrangement was immediately made by oil industry with the help of transporters from outside the State of Uttaranchal to ensure uninterrupted supplies of Petrol and Diesel in the State of Uttaranchal.

(c) In line with the agreement signed between transporters and Oil Industry to call off strike, Oil Industry have agreed to appoint an arbitrator on request of transporters.

Allotment of LPG Dealership to Kargil Martyrs in U.P.

†1486. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG dealership has been allotted to the families of Kargil martyrs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of families which have been allotted LPG dealership in Uttar Pradesh, so far?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.